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❖ *Roxbury Community College and The Dominican Republic Youth Ministry Sign Training Agreement*

Roxbury Community College and The Ministry of Youth of The Dominican Republic signed an agreement on December 5 that will result in RCC providing training in Solar Energy to 30 students from The Dominican Republic over a period of six months. The first 15 students are scheduled to begin training in February 2013. The training will be provided through RCC's Division of Continuing Education's Workforce Development Training Programs. At the end of the Program RCC will award each student a Certificate of Completion.

❖ *RCC and Cambridge College In New Articulation Agreement*

Officials at Roxbury Community College and Cambridge College recently signed a new articulation agreement. The agreement will allow RCC students to easily transfer into the Bachelor's degree programs at Cambridge College. Under the new agreement, Cambridge College will accept for transfer credit the complete Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree from RCC graduates, and up to 90 credits overall.

❖ *Presentations by RCC Interns Praised at Special Event*

The Roxbury Community College interns for 2012 were praised for the quality of their work following oral and poster presentations before a group of faculty, students, staff, and industry representatives. Employers who hosted the interns included Harvard School of Public Health, the U.S. Federal Food and Drug Administration, New England Cable Network Television, Boston Neighborhood Network Television, the District Court System of Waltham, MA, and the New England Baptist Hospital. The RCC interns are currently majoring in Information System Technology, Biological Science, Biotechnology, Criminal Justice, Business Management/Administration, and Broadcast Media Technology. One student remarked that the internship helped her to "develop crucial communication and management skills."

❖ *RCC Faculty, Students, and Staff Lend a Helping Hand*

- Mathematics Professor Barbara Savage and 15 students in her Statistics course volunteered at the annual Thanksgiving luncheon for seniors held at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center last month. They were among many RCC Faculty, staff, and student volunteers. In April 2013, Professor Savage and her students will return for volunteer work at the Greater Boston Food Bank. The volunteer work is part of a service-learning component of Professor Savage's Statistics course.

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- The Community Service Club at RCC and members of the Student Government Association made a special trip to the Mary Eliza Mahoney Emergency Family House Shelter at the Dimock Center last month to donate a Thanksgiving basket including a turkey and side dishes. RCC students spent time reading and playing games with the children at the shelter. "We all enjoyed it and plan on making it a monthly occurrence," said Lise-Marie Hagan, Advisor to the Community Service Club. The Club conducted a canned food drive to benefit both the Dimock Center and the Greater Boston Food Bank.

❖ *Artist John Wilson's Work in Major Exhibit at Danforth Museum*

Renowned African American artist John Wilson's work is currently featured in a major new exhibit at the Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham, MA titled, "John Wilson: Eternal Presence." Mr. Wilson was born in Roxbury, MA in 1922. His direct link to Roxbury Community College came in 1985 when he won a sculpture contest. Five years later he erected "Father and Child," a seven-foot-tall bronze sculpture of a man and child reading together, on the campus of RCC. Eighty-four drawings, prints, sculptures, and oils are in the Danforth Museum show.

❖ *Robbie McCauley Wins a Ford Fellow Award*

Robbie McCauley, who has directed several plays for the Roxbury Repertory Theater (RRT), has won a 2012 USA Ford Fellow Award in the Theater Arts Division. The RRT plays directed by Ms. McCauley were performed on RCC's MainStage. She became involved in theater as an apprentice at the Negro Ensemble Company in New York during the late 1960s. Her first play, "Sally's Rape," produced in 1990, is a story of slavery that was inspired by her great-great grandmother. It received both an Obie Award for Best Play in 1992, and a Bessie Award in 1990. Her 2012 play, Sugar, is a solo performance piece in which she recounts her experiences living with diabetes.

❖ *Roxbury Community College to Host Kwanzaa Feast Night*

Roxbury Community College will host evening six of Kwanzaa, a week-long celebration of seven principles needed for African American survival. RCC will be celebrating the principle of "Kuumba," which means Creativity. It will also be "Karamu" or Feast Night at the College. Kwanzaa at RCC will take place on Monday, December 31 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Center Dining Room. The event is sponsored by the Roxbury Community College Student Government Association, RCC's Alumni Association, and the Community Kwanzaa Committee. Kwanzaa at Roxbury Community College is free and open to the public.

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